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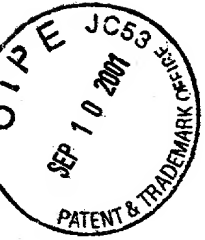
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination please add the following claims to the above-identified patent application:

19.   A stool, comprising:

(a)   a seat;

(b)   a base having a front end and a back end, said base being elongated from the front end to the back end and defining a longitudinal axis;

(c)   a post connecting said seat to said base;

(d)   a stabilization structure positioned rearward of the post;

said base including a first contour located forward of said post, said first contour having a first convex curvature in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis for allowing side to side pivoting;

said base including a second contour extending a direction along the longitudinal axis for allowing front to back pivoting;

said stabilization region configured to stabilize said stool by limiting side to side pivoting when said stool is upright without interfering with front to back pivoting and without limiting side to side pivoting when said stool is pivoted forwardly.

20.   The stool of claim 19, wherein said seat is elongated traversely to the longitudinal axis of said base.

21.   The stool of claim 19, wherein said seat is shaped such that a seated user's center of gravity is positioned rearward of said post.

22.   The stool of claim 19, wherein said stabilization structure comprises a flattened region.
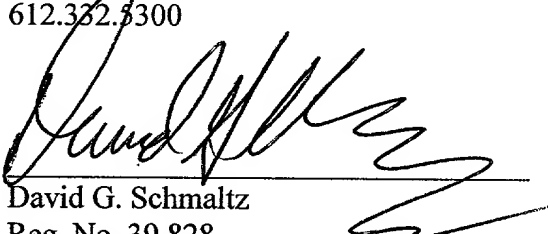
Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendment. Payment of the filing fee remains deferred. No new matter is introduced in the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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